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HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1889.

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PRICE 82½ PER MONTH.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

October 5. GLAMORGANSHIRE, British steamer, 1,442, Wm. Waring, London, and Singapore 29th September, General—ADAMSON, Bell & Co.

October 5. HATHFORD, British steamer, 1,122, Harris, Euston 1st October, Amy 2nd, and Swatow 4th, General—DOUGLAS LAPIRAK & Co.

October 5. PEKING, German steamer, 935, Schulz, Wampoa 5th October, General—SILMSEN & Co.

October 5. FARN, Danish steamer, 337, C.A. Lund, Pahoki 3rd October, and Hallow 4th, General—ATHWOLD, KARBERG & Co.

October 5. VOWAZER, German steamer, 612, E. Brunn, Hilo 1st October, Sapwood—WIELE & Co.

October 5. MARLBOROUGH, British ship, 1,493, Forster, Newcastle 20th August, General—ADAMSON, Bell & Co.

October 5. AVOCHE, British steamer, 1,034, T. Rowin, Bangkok 29th September, Rice—MORRIS & WATT.

October 5. DIAMANT, British steamer, 514, G. Taylor, Manila 3rd October, General—ROSELL & Co.

October 5. FIDELIO, German steamer, 533, H. Bresser, Swatow 5th October, General—MELCHERS & Co.

October 5. INDEPENDENT, German str., 871, W. J. Schaefer, Bangkok 28th September, General—WIELE & Co.

October 5. KWANG-LEI, Chinese str., 1,503, Lincoln, Shanghai 2nd Oct., General—C. M. B. N. Co.

October 5. MARIA THERESA, Austrian steamer, 2,011, H. Deperis, Trieste 16th August, and Singapore 30th September, General—DAVID SARSON, Sons & Co.

October 6. YUNNAN, British steamer, 1,105, Sleszy, Wuhs 27th September, Rice—JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.

Kiel, German str., for Saigon.

Ingraham, German str., for Saigon.

Chi-yen, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

Goparia, British str., for Amoy.

Proprietary, British str., for Kutchinotan.

Lady Harwood, British bark for Mantang.

Pollock, British str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

October 5. ALCYONE, British str., for Singapore.

October 5. CHI-YUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

October 5. GENERAL WENDE, German str., for Yokohama.

October 5. GOALPARI, British str., for Amoy.

October 5. NECKAR, German str., for Shanghai.

October 5. JOSEPHUS, Amer. ship, for N. York.

October 6. ALTAIA, Hawaiian bark, for San Francisco.

October 6. SUMATRA, British bark, for Celebes.

October 6. ANTON, German str., for Toulon.

October 6. FOKEIN, British str., for Taiwan.

October 6. INGRABAN, German str., for Saigon.

October 6. KIEL, German str., for Saigon.

October 6. KWANG-LEI, Chinese steamer, for Wampoa.

ARRIVED.

Per Haiphong, str., from East Coast—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Weeks, Mr. Wade, and 171 Chinese.

Per Glamorganshire, str., from London—Dr. P. G. Flock, and 30 Chinese.

Per Eddie, str., from Swatow—100 Chinese.

Per Yuen Sung, str., from Wuhs—17 Chinese.

Per Fye, str., from Pahoki—55 Chinese.

Per Maria Teresa, str., from Trieste—40 Chinese.

Per Kung-les, str., from Shanghai—The Hon. St. Aubyn, and 155 Chinese.

Per Diamond, str., from Manila—Messrs. G. McClelland, F. Glasscock, and Leon Chinn, and 50 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Neckar, str., for Shanghai—From Hong Kong—Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. W. Puchmann, and 3 Chinese. From Europe—Dr. Enguang (Chinese Ambassador), Colonel Vogel, Miss R. de la Berg, Miss Hallin, Messrs. Bass, Schulz, W. Taylor, and H. Monckton.

Per Diamond, str., for Yokohama—From Hong Kong—Messrs. G. and R. Redfern, Mrs. Sing Young and child, and 6 Chinese. From Singapore—Messrs. Paul Lucks and E. Lucke.

REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer Kung-les, from Shanghai 2nd October, reports had moderate N.E. monsoon.

The British steamer Diamonds, from Manila 3rd October, reported light N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer Marabout, from Newcaste 20th August, reports had light wind and calm weather.

The British steamer Glamorganshire, from London to Singapore 20th September, reports had light N.E. winds and fine weather throughout from Singapore.

The British steamer Ascalon, from Bangkok 22nd September, reports first part had light wind and fine weather; latter part had fresh N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer Yunnan, from Wuhs 27th September, reports had moderate breeze and fine weather throughout. On the 1st October passed the steamer Woyong and Soochow. On the 2nd passed the steamer Tungtien.

The British steamer Haiphong, from Foochow 1st September, Amoy 2nd, and Swatow 4th, reports from Foochow to Amoy had light N.E. winds and fine weather; latter part had fresh N.E. winds and fine weather. From Swatow to Chelung Point light variable winds; from thence to port moderate S.E. winds and fine clear weather. In Foochow str. Hainan. In Swatow str. Hainan.

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NOTES REGARDING WHICH INFORMATION IS SOUGHT.

Currency.—1. What are the kinds of Tael of Silver (the Halfwan or Tael excluded) known in your district? Please give name in full, and (Heien being Hsia-pao Tael), together with the colloquial name.

2. What is the actual weight in grains (437 grains equal to one ounce avoirdupois) of the Tael of each?

3. Notes.—It is suggested that weighing Fifty-tael or Fifty-pound weight will give more accurate results than weighing a one-tael or one-pound weight.

4. What is the touch or tensus of each of the several kinds of Silver (pure silver being taken as 1,000 fine)?

5. In each Tael of currency, weighing (to many) grains, how many grains are there of pure silver (1,000)?

6. How many Taeles of each of the currencies mentioned above are to be taken to be the equivalent locally? (100 Kuan Tael, 100 Kuan Silver).

7. What is the relation of Mexican Dollars to the Tael commonly used locally? (100 Tael = Dollars).

8. What kind of Copper Cash are used in your district? What is a Tiao, and what is its value?

9. What relation do Copper Cash bear to the Mexican Dollars mentioned above?

10. To what extent are Cash Notes (paper money) used? It is used at all, please give some account of them.

11. Are Bank Notes (or Bankers' cheques) for Silver used in your district otherwise than as cheques?

12. What weights of Copper Cash are used in your district? Please give the equivalent in grams.

13. What weights of Piao are known in your district? Please give the equivalent in grams.

14. What is the Tael of Currency used in your district to the Tael of copper?

15. Capacity.—1. What is the weight in lbs. or kilos of dry rice contained in the Pao known in your district? What is its capacity in English cubic feet? or in cubic centimetres?

16. Length of a chain of Footcables known in your district? Please give the equivalent in English standard inches (in 3 inches) and in decimals of a metre. What are their names or use?

17. What variations are known from the table?

18. Tael = 1 Catty.

19. Tael = 100 Catties. Please.

20. Does the Tael of Currency bear any exact relation to the Catty of commerce?

21. Capacity.—2. What is the weight in lbs. or kilos of dry rice contained in the Pao known in your district? What is its capacity in English cubic feet? or in cubic centimetres?

22. Length of a chain of Footcables known in your district? Please give the equivalent in English standard inches (in 3 inches) and in decimals of a metre. What are their names or use?

23. What variations are known from the table?

24. 10 Inches = 1 Foot.

25. 10 Feet = 1丈 (Chang).

26. 1丈 = 100 Catties. Please.

27. What is the length of a Pao?

28. What is the length of a Li?

29. Note.—It would seem that the Li ought to be 360 feet, the Pa, however, varies, and it is desirable to ascertain if the Li is anywhere the exact equivalent of 360 local Pa.

30. Note.—What is the area of a Mow known in your district? Please give the equivalent in English square feet.

31. Note.—It would seem that the Mow ought to be a strip of land 240 Pa long and 1 Pa wide. It is desirable to ascertain if the Mow is anywhere the exact equivalent of 240 local square Pa; also if the Mow in the same district varies according to the soil to be measured.

32. Note.—How is the area of land under one Mow determined? Please give a table.

33. General.—Please give any other information regarding these measures not covered by the above questions.

Your reply should be addressed to

The Hon. Secretary,

China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Shanghai.

It would be a convenience to editor and printer if communications were written on one side only of the paper.

THE ADMIRALTY BOARD ON CHINESE RAILWAYS.

The Shih-pao of the 29th September contains the first part of a Report by the Board of Admiralty on Chang-tung's Memorial on Railways. It begins in the following manner by quoting the Imperial Instructions for the Report, or Memorial, to be prepared. These instructions emanate from the Empress, late Empress, apparently because the Emperor's father was at the head of the Board, it would be unbecoming for the Emperor to issue them. The Empress being by far attached to the memorials of the Marquis Wei-yen, and the late Empress of Ching-tung, Liu Ming-chuan, and Huang Pung-nien as far as the most pressing matter requiring attention, the suggestion of the first for a Railway from Lu-kow, Kiao down through Hsien to Hankow, in Hsien, to be laid gradually in four sections, one after the other, within eight years. The following is a summary of the Report, which will be of interest financially.—Liu Ming-chuan advised the Board from Taku and Tientsin to Peking; Huang Pung-nien is in favour of first building a "frontier railway" and later on others in various parts of the interior, strategic purposes demand; but thinks that after the "frontier railway" (to which he gives paramount importance) has been built, a line should be built from Tientsin to Tung-chow as an auxiliary. This last was, indeed, the original idea of the Empress, but they defer to the wishes of Her Majesty. The suggestion of Chang-tung's is their first consideration. They feel compelled to state their honest conviction, however, that the three thousand li of the proposed line from Lu-kow to Hankow will give hardly more advantage to commerce than the short line of 200 li from Tientsin. Tung-chow, which is of as much importance as Tientsin, will be of great strategic value, in connection with the Tientsin Railways, and the Kiao-tien-tai in the Tientsin Arsenal.—*Daily News*.

FOOTNOTE.

The price of rice is rising higher daily, and it is likely will reach an unprecedented high figure.

We have seen the account of rice mentioned in the news of the 27th, which is at the present time at the high price of Tsh. 17, while the highest offer made by foreign buyers was Tsh. 18.

Many failures are reported to have taken place during the last week in September amongst the native merchants, and we regret to see the Kwang Cheong tea house also on the list. The liabilities of the former, which consist chiefly of dealers in rice, are reported to be from nine to fifteen thousand dollars each, and of the latter two thousand.

THE LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are extracted from the *Bangkok Gazette*.

SEBASTIANS MINTERS OF SIE WILFRED LAWSON.

LONDON, 15th September.

Sir Wilfred Lawson is dangerously ill with constipation. Last night he was reported to be sinking fast.

LONDON, 16th September.

Sir Wilfred Lawson is slowly rallying.

THE SULTAN OF JOHORE.

LONDON, 16th September.

The Sultan of Johore is expected to visit Frankfort next Saturday.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO AN OFFICER OF THE GUARDS.

LONDON, 16th September.

Major John F. Wyley, of the Cheshire Regiment, was thrown from his horse yesterday, and is now reported to be in a dying condition.

LONDON, 16th September.

C. P. Livingstone, of the Black Watch, has been superseded for absence without leave.

A NAVY SUBJECT DISMISSED.

LONDON, 16th September.

Surgeon Apthorpe, of the gunnery ship Cambridge, stationed at Devonport, has been dismissed with the rank of surgeon with disgrace for stealing horses, while in command of the gunboat *Mermaid*.

LONDON, 16th September.

Mr. Pat Doyle, C. E. Editor of the Indian Engineering, has started for Rangoon to inspect the dredges with a view to ascertaining the advisability of recommending Shone's system for adoption in India.

THE BOMBAY SCANDALS.

BOMBAY, 19th September.

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THE HERBERT GLADSTONE AND HIS LIBELLE.

BOMBAY, 14th September.

The Alibahad Mysore Peacock has published a letter from Messrs. Lewis and Lewis, solicitors, Ely Place, London, with reference to its statement regarding Mr. Herbert Gladstone. The Messrs. Lewis deny the truth of the story and demand retraction and an apology on pain of prosecution for libel.

THE MURKIN Post apologises and says that it has been informed that the Indian government has been informed by some anonymous person will offer ample and complete statement for the attack on Mr. Herbert Gladstone's character.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1889. 173

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SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1882. 114

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REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. 163

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1889. 143

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Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. 178

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1887. 155

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. 151

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